

Command Sergeant Major Dennis J. Woods

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Initial Military Training



Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Dennis J. Woods, a native of Savannah, Georgia, entered the United States Army on 30 June 1982, as a Field Artilleryman. CSM Woods completed eight tours of combat duty to include Operation Urgent Fury, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Fox, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. CSM Woods' service includes four tours with the 82d Airborne Division, a tour with the 3rd Infantry Division, one with the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, a tour with the 1st Army Division West, one tour with the 1st Armored Division, and tours as a Drill Sergeant and as an Army Recruiter.

CSM Woods' military education runs the gamut of the Non-Commissioned Officer Education System to include the United States Sergeants Majors Academy (Class # 58), the Army Force Management Course, Battle Staff, Jump Master, Drill Sergeant, U.S. Army Recruiter, Infantry Small Arms Master Gunner, Artillery Master Gunner, the Amphibious Warfare Leaders Course Anti-Armor Leaders' Course, Machine Gun Leaders Course, Artillery Mechanics Repair Course, Small Arms Repair Course, and the Nuclear Biological Chemical Defense Course. His civilian education includes a Bachelors of Science Degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College in Albany, NY, and a Masters Degree in Education, specializing in Training and Leadership from North Central University, Prescott, AZ.

CSM Woods awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (w/3 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (w/5 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (w/3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (w/3 OLC), the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2), NCOES # 4, PUCCA, JUMA, and NUC Unit Awards, the Southwest Asia Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Afghanistan and Iraq Service Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, German Jump Master Wings, Qatar Jump Wings, and Netherlands Jumpmaster Wings. Other awards include the Department of Defense "Inventor of the Year" for 2003 with 45 separate inventions. CSM Woods saved the U.S. Government over \$1 billion dollars through cost avoidance. He is also the first recipient of the GRUBER award for an outstanding Field Artillery professional.

While on tour in Afghanistan, CSM Woods pioneered the first use of artillery training rounds in combat as a form of scalable fire support designed to limit civilian death and collateral damage. He is a published author of numerous magazine and newspaper articles, to include training pamphlets concerning Artillery, Night Vision, and Combat Operations. He also published the first Center for Army Lessons Learned articles in Dari, Pashtu, and English languages concerning small arms and logistical support via Afghan sustainable parachutes.

CSM Woods is married and has one daughter.